

COUNTRY <u>Hungary</u>		REPORT
TOPIC <u>Kecskemet Airfield</u>		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	50X1-HUM
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1. The airfield about 4.5 km east of Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95) covered an area of about 3,500x2,000 meters. A spur track, which led to the southwestern portion of the installation probably terminated at a fuel dump. It appeared that the spur track had been newly constructed. (1) The field had a northwest-southeast runway about 2,000 meters long and 80 meters wide. Two concrete taxiways, which were about 15 meters wide, branched off from the runway. The field had three hangars, 30x25 meters, with flat roofs, 8 two-story buildings, 1 three-story new building and 5 single-story buildings besides 2 two-story, old buildings. One of the three hangars had a low annex about 6 meters long. Four heaps of earth, about 2 meters high and 12 meters in diameter were observed in the southwestern portion of the field; in the center there was small building with a flat roof besides a heap of earth about 10 meters square. (2) Northwest of this site was an open shed in which several hundred fuel drums were stored. Pumping facilities were not observed there. Hungarian soldiers wearing blue epaulets were seen near the fuel dump. A U-shaped building about 8 meters high was located in the northeastern corner of the field. Small white flags about 50 meters apart were seen on both sides of the runway.

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2. At 6:30 p.m. on 25 August [redacted] three ZIS trucks which mounted searchlights proceed to the northeastern end of the runway. The searchlights had a diameter of about 1 1/2 meters. In the northwestern corner of the field there was a radar set. A wooden cabin, 3x4 meters, and a small tent was seen near the radar set. (3) Two insulated wires led from the radar set to an installation about 600 meters west of it. Two wooden cabins, 7x2 meters, were standing besides this installation. (4) There was another radio installation with a tent about 300 meters west-southwest of the latter radio installation. A radio set, 50x50 cm, operated by a Soviet soldier wearing earphones, was seen in front of this tent.

(5) About 500 meters west-southwest of this installation there was another radio installation consisting of a 5x4-meter wooden hut and four antenna masts about 6 meters high and 8 meters apart. (6) An additional radio installation was south-west of the airfield gate. It consisted of three masts set up in the form of a triangle. South of the southeastern corner of the airfield, 150 to 200 meters south of the road, there was a radio installation consisting of a 4x2-meter wooden cabin with windows on all its sides and an iron mast, about 7 meters high, about 10 meters distant from the cabin. The mast was braced by four wires. (7) Six insulated lines led to the radio installation in the northwestern corner of the field. (8)

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3. The field was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence about 2 meters high. On its side, the installation had two gates. The western gate was guarded by a Hungarian sentry who wore a light blue uniform and epaulets with air force insignia. Buildings in the northern section of the installation were guarded by a Soviet soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. There was an open gate at the western corner of the field.
4. Aircraft observed at the field included 21 canvas-covered jet planes parked in front of the two western hangars, 5 jet planes, and 4 single-engine planes in front of the eastern hangar. The jet planes were low-wing monoplanes with swept-back wings; they had a pronounced sweep-back, a single-rudder assembly, and an elevator assembly set very high. The planes were marked with red Soviet stars. (9) The single-engine planes were fitted with in-line engines and a two-bladed propeller. They were low-wing monoplanes with tapering and rounded-off wings. An antenna rod about 60 cm long was seen behind the plexiglas cabin. The plane was fitted with a tail wheel and marked by a Soviet star at the rear side of the fuselage. (10)
5. At 2:30 p.m. on 25 August, a single-engine plane took off and flew to the northwest. About 3 p.m., 2 single-engine planes took off in succession and headed south. From the direction of the hangars, a loud whistling noise similar to that of a siren, apparently produced by aircraft engines, about 5:20 p.m. a single-engine plane took off headed northwest. At the same time one of the 21 jet aircraft parked near the hangars was towed by a truck to the 5 jet planes parked near the runway.
6. About 30 Soviet officers and 20 ET besides about 25 Hungarian officers and 100 ET were seen at the field. Most of the Soviet soldiers wore black-bordered blue epaulets, many of them with air force insignia. The Hungarian soldiers wore blue epaulets and air force insignia. Seven trucks including a Steyr diesel truck entered the field and three left the installation.
7. In the western sector of Kecskemet north of Izskai, there was a landing strip about 1 km long, west of a barracks installation occupied by Soviet soldiers. The landing strip had a grass cover, and no runways or taxiways. A shed in which six fuel drums were stored and two white tents were seen there. Three single-engine biplanes fitted with radial engines and a two-bladed propeller were observed at the installation. The planes were marked by red Soviet stars. (11)
8. Four twin-engine commercial planes, one of them marked by a red and white checker design were seen at Budapest-Ferihegy (Q 48/H 61) airfield.

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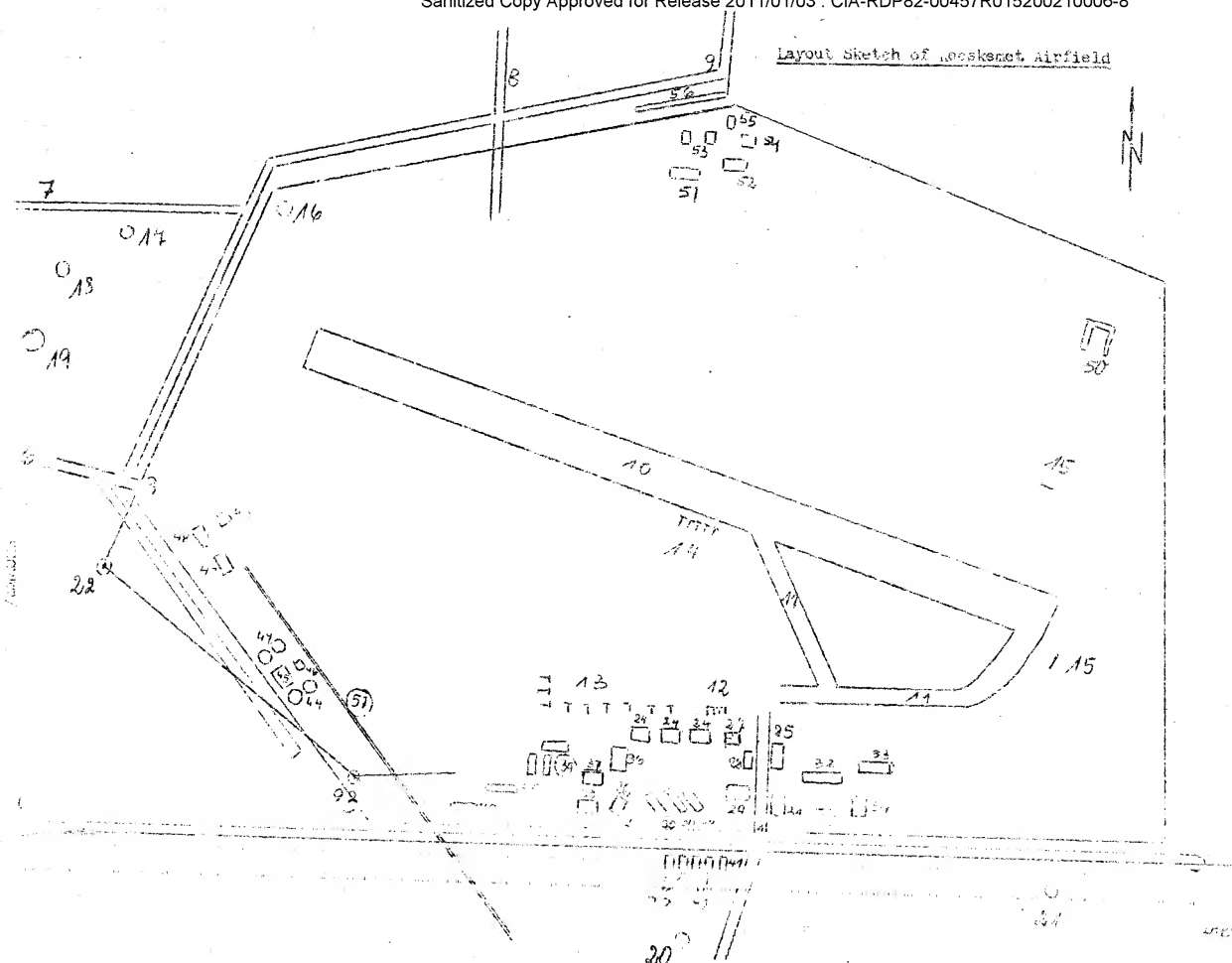
(10) [redacted] probably an alert flight, would support this assumption.

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(11) The data on this landing [redacted] these aircraft were [redacted].
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Legend of Annex 1

- 1 Main gate
- 2 Blocked gate
- 3 Gate
- 4 Concrete road to Komsomol
- 5 Concrete road to Tiflis
- 6 Field path to Komsomol
- 7 Field path joining the concrete road to Nagysollos
- 8 Concrete road
- 9 Field path
- 10 Runway
- 11 Two taxiways
- 12 Four-engine planes
- 13 Twenty-one jet planes
- 14 Five jet planes
- 15 Searchlight positions
- 16,
21) Radar set and radio installations
- 22,
23) and masts with 6 insulated lines
- 24 Three hangars, 80x25 meters
- 25 Two-story building, 35x12 meters, probably the Soviet headquarters
- 26 Single-story new building, 25x10 meters, probably the Hungarian headquarters
- 27 Single-story building, 20x10 meters, probably the flight control station
- 28 Single-story building, 25x10 meters
- 29 Single-story new building, 25x10 meters
- 30 Three-story buildings, each 40x12 meters, occupied by Soviet and Hungarian personnel
- 31 Single-story building, 15x8 meters
- 32 Single-story kitchen building 20x10 meters
- 33 Target range
- 34 Single-story building, 15x8 meters
- 35 Athletic field
- 36 Three-story new building, 40x12 meters

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Annex I

- 37 Single-story new building, 25x20 meters
- 38 Single-story building under construction, 25x12 meters
- 39 Three wooden garages, each 25x10 meters
- 40 Two ruined buildings, 30x8 meters
- 41 A two-story new building, 30x15 meters, occupied by Hungarian officers' depot
- 42 Two single-story buildings occupied by Soviet officers and their dependents
- 43 Two buildings under construction, 25x12 meters
- 44 Four circular earth heaps
- 45 One square earth heap
- 46 Single-story concrete structure, 4x3 meters, with a flat roof
- 47 Fuel dump
- 48 Single-story building, 20x10 meters
- 49 Single-story building, 6x4 meters
- 50 U-shaped building about 30x30x30 meters
- 51 Single-story new building, about 15x8 meters
- 52 Single-story new building, about 20x8 meters
- 53 Two single-story new buildings, each 6x4 meters
- 54 Single-story building, about 10x6 meters
- 55 Guard house, about 3x2 meters
- 56 Earth wall, 35x5x6 meters
- 57 Apparently new spur track

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